

Minutes from 12/9/05 Meeting  
Held at Ripley County DCS

In attendance: India Turner; Randy Hildebrand; Rob King; Traci Eggleston; Cindi Wagner; Mary Riede; Judge Taul, Melissa Norman and Celia Leaird.

Introductions were held.

There was discussion about the service standards for Community Partners for Child Safety. This discussion was led by Celia Leaird. There was a great deal of speculation as to what provider could manage a contract for the entire region and Celia Leaird encouraged the group to think of the providers that may all ready be in our communities such as Healthy Families, Youth Service Bureau's, etc. Celia Leaird discussed with the group her familiarity with the Neighborhood Alliance for Child Safety (Marion County) and the outcomes that they have achieved. The Regional Manager informed the group that time had been scheduled with Angela Green of NACS to visit the office, ask questions, etc. Several of the County Directors within the group voiced an interest in attending this meeting. One of the concerns within the RSC is how a voluntary service program can engage participants so that they are motivated to make change. During the meeting it was determined that the date scheduled for the meeting to NACS conflicted with the next RSC meeting on 1/13/06. It will need to be rescheduled.

One of the questions posed by the group was: **Can Children's Bureau contract with potential providers for CPCS and provide them with education/guidance so that they can be successful in this new initiative?**

The group then entered into a discussion about how we could bring our regional providers together so that we can discuss our expectations for them with regard to prevention and service delivery. We decided that "provider" should be very broadly defined and should include contractual service providers, community partners, churches, etc. It was suggested that we provide them with what we want from them:

- 1) Prevention and their role with in the region
- 2) Intensive Casework
- 3) More regional services which would include cross training among all agencies and staff
- 4) DCS expectations regarding outcomes

In addition, it was suggested that we create a questionnaire for providers so that they can have questions answered during the meeting. Regional Manager stated that she would seek the assistance of Stacy Lozer in coordinating this effort.

Concern was stated for community programs that have historically been funded out of CWS and what will happen to these programs if they aren't subsidized by DCS. Discussion became focused on how we should assist these programs in finding funding streams that are more appropriate for funding their programs. It was also stressed several times that we should be advising these programs that they may not be funded by CWS money during the 2007 calendar year.

Three foster parents were discussed with regard to RSC membership. The group discussed the nominees and thought that we should continue to search for a foster parent who will meet the needs of the RSC (geographically, etc.)

Several county directors had CWS contracts they wanted to have approved by the counsel.

1) Decatur County	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$5000-unanimously approved
2) Decatur County	School Anger Mgmt Program	\$3000-unanimously approved
3) Decatur County	School based activities grant	\$500-unanimously approved
4) Ripley County	Community Ed./Sex Abuse	\$2000-unanimously approved
5) Ripley County	PCA Coordinator	\$12,000-unanimously approved
6) Ohio County	Learning Tree	\$1250-unanimously approved
7) Ohio County	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$2500-unanimously approved
8) Dearborn County	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$5000-unanimously approved
9) Dearborn County	Clearinghouse	\$5000-unanimously approved

Next meeting was scheduled for January 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting will be held at the Ripley County DCS. All RSC members from Region 15 are invited to attend this meeting.